

## Caperoutes: Wolfberg Cracks Cederberg ©Leo Rust 2015

### **Background:**

The Wolfberg Cracks are situated at an altitude of 1285m on the Farm Dwarsrivier. The popular campsite Sanddrif is in the valley below. Camping and self catering accommodation is available here. Wine and some bare essentials are on sale at the office at Dwarsrivier.

### **Weather:**

The crag is generally warmer than the higher venues like Tafelberg and Krakadouw. However it still gets bitterly cold when climbing in winter. The best time of year is throughout the summer months.

### **Access Issues:**

To Camp: Contact the Niewoudt family at the below contact to book your spot. This venue fills up fast around the popular holiday times.

To Climb: One has to get a permit and key for the gate from Dwarsrivier farm prior to climbing or walking up to the Wolfberg Cracks.

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### **How to get there:**

**By Car:** 260km out of Cape Town. Drive north on the N7, take the Algeria/Cedarberg turn-off (dirt road). Continue through Algeria to the farm Dwarsrivier. (3h)

**By foot:** From the campsite follow the signs past a locked gate, for which you will need the combination (available once you pay your permit at Dwarsrivier) Park under some oak trees. From here (alt. 920m) follow the very well marked path to the base of the wall. 45min

### **Routes:**

#### **A: Eclipse ‘14’**

A superb first taste of climbing in the Cedarberg. Exposed, well protected and on solid rock.

Start on a ledge just to the right of a freestanding block below a “peculiar horizontal line of pigeon holes”.

FA: P. du Preez, G. Ward, A. Schoon, A. Schoon 10/1978

#### **B: Celestial Journey ‘22’**

Brilliant mix of pitches: vertical cracks, face climbing; some bold, some thuggish.

FA: D. Davies, R. Barley 1978

#### **C: Alone in Space ‘22’**

The obvious crack line up the buttress. A great vertical adventure!

FA: D. Davies, R. Barley 1978

#### **D : Energy Crisis ‘20’**

The first pitch says it all. The rest holds some entertaining moments too.

FA: R. Barley, R. Smithers and M. Hafner 06/1979

#### **E: Knobless Robot ‘18’**

A quick gymnastic excursion for those with exhibitionistic tendencies.

The route climbs the two legged structure on the left-hand wall (looking up) halfway up the descent gully.

FA: G. Robbins, D. Bottomley 1983

### **Descent:**

The easiest way to descend from any route is to walk away from the cliff until you are able to traverse into the main descent gully which will bring you down to the base of the wall 20min. Many short-cuts exist. For Celestial Journey and Alone in Space it is possible to abseil into the first gully to the right. Some more scrambling and another abseil gets you to the base.

### **Other useful info:**

It is best to climb the routes in the shade. For Celestial Journey and Alone in Space that means a late leisurely start is OK.

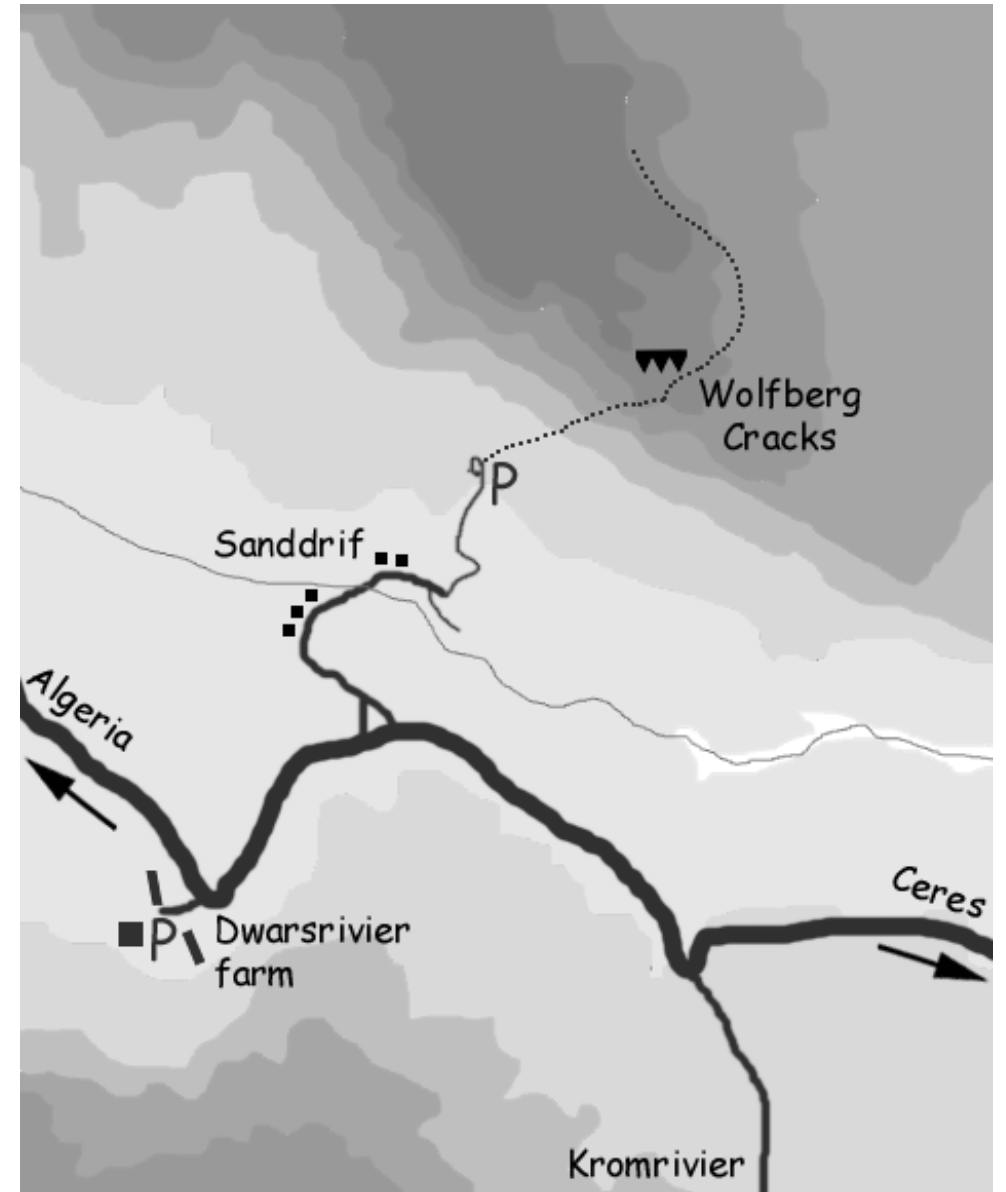
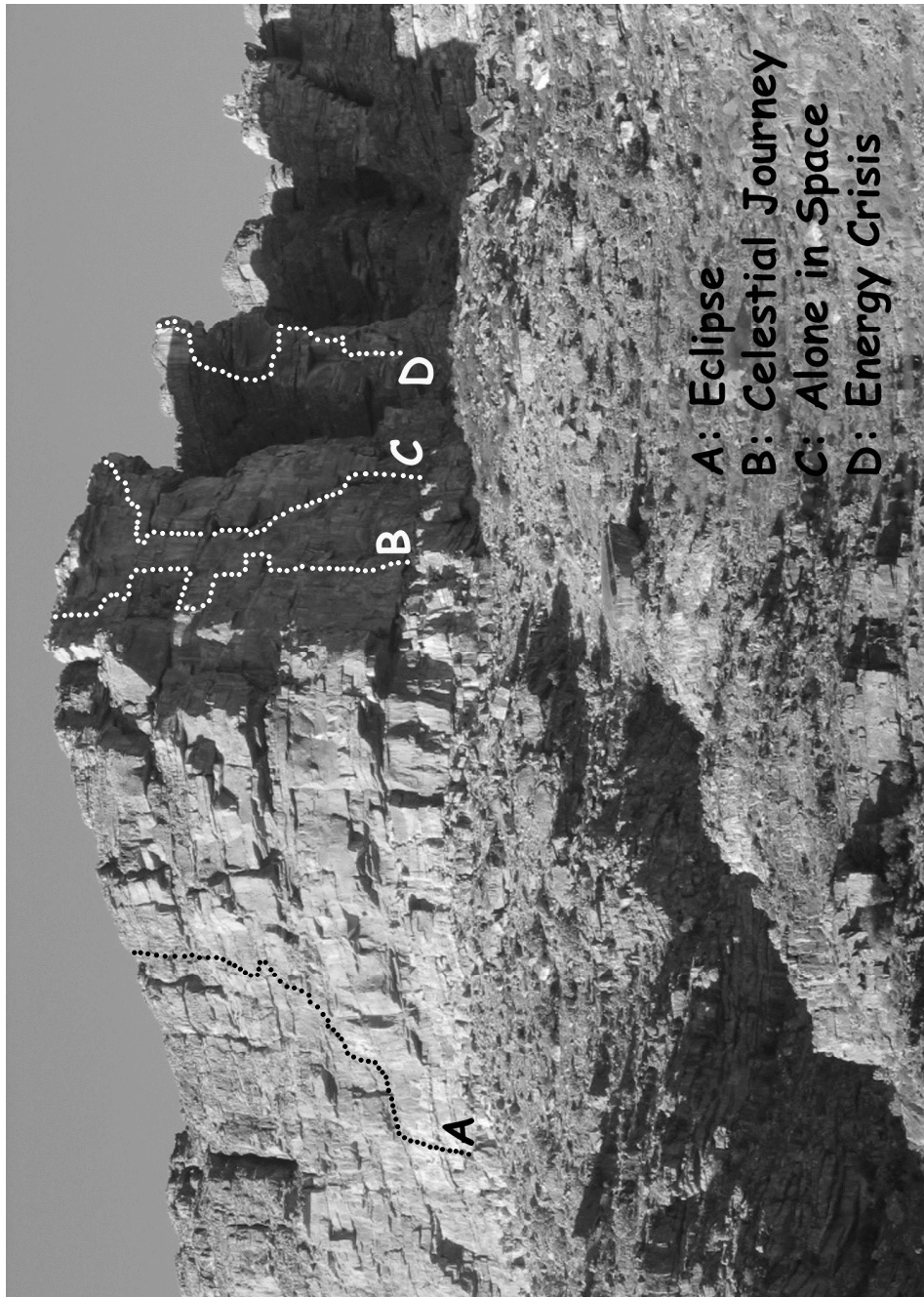
### **Restrictions:**

None at the moment. No bolting allowed.

### **Complete Route Guides:**

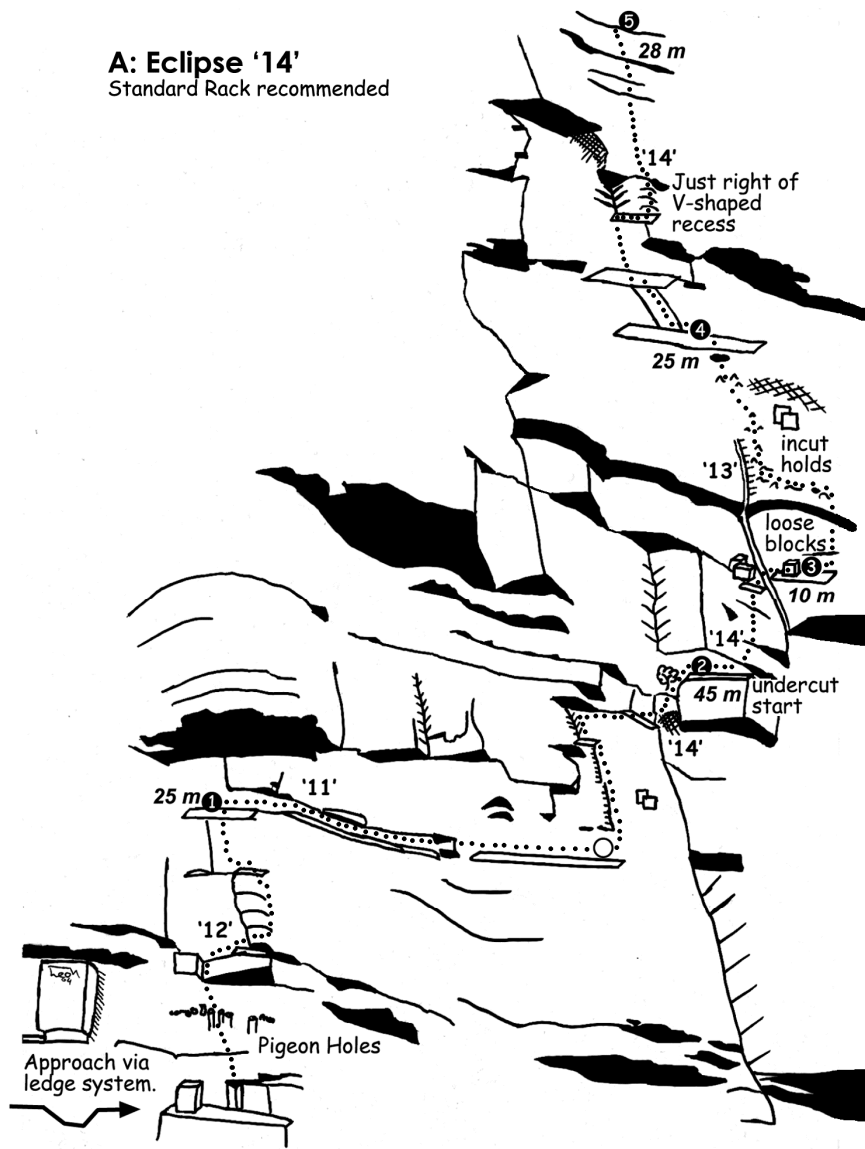
Jayson Orton's guide- out of print.

Tony Lourens – Blue Mountain Publishers



### A: Eclipse '14'

Standard Rack recommended



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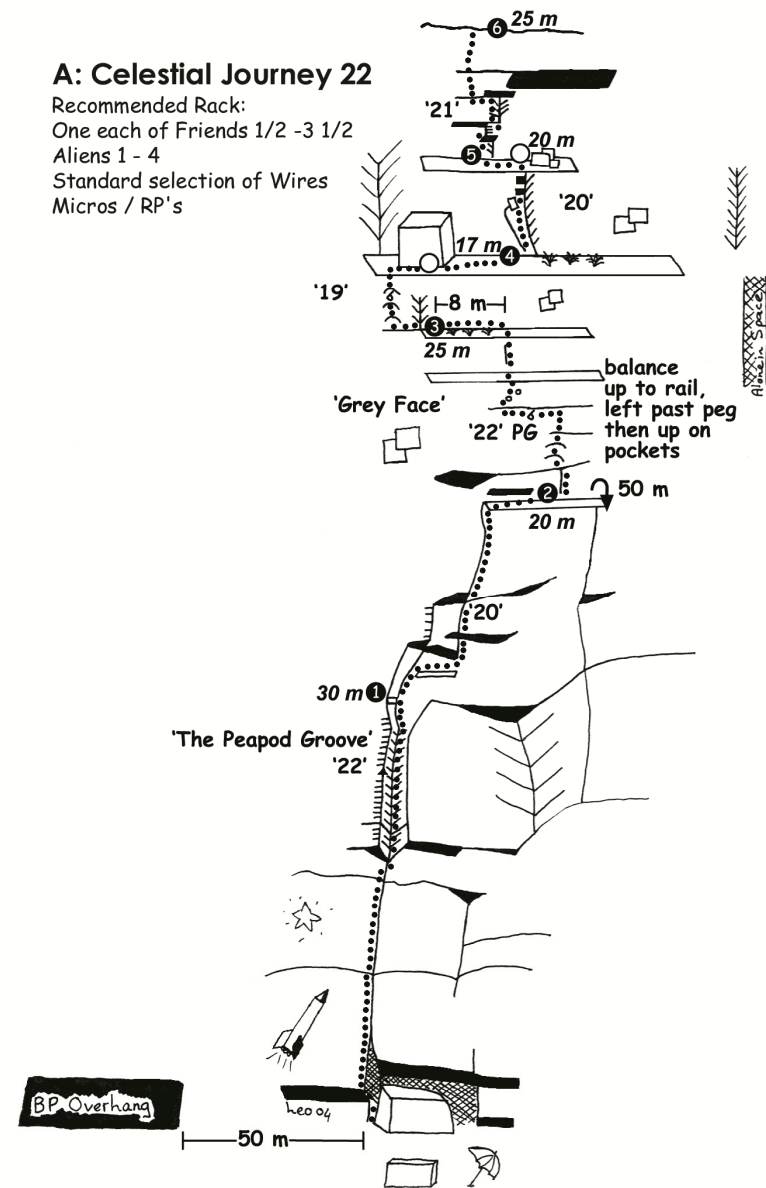
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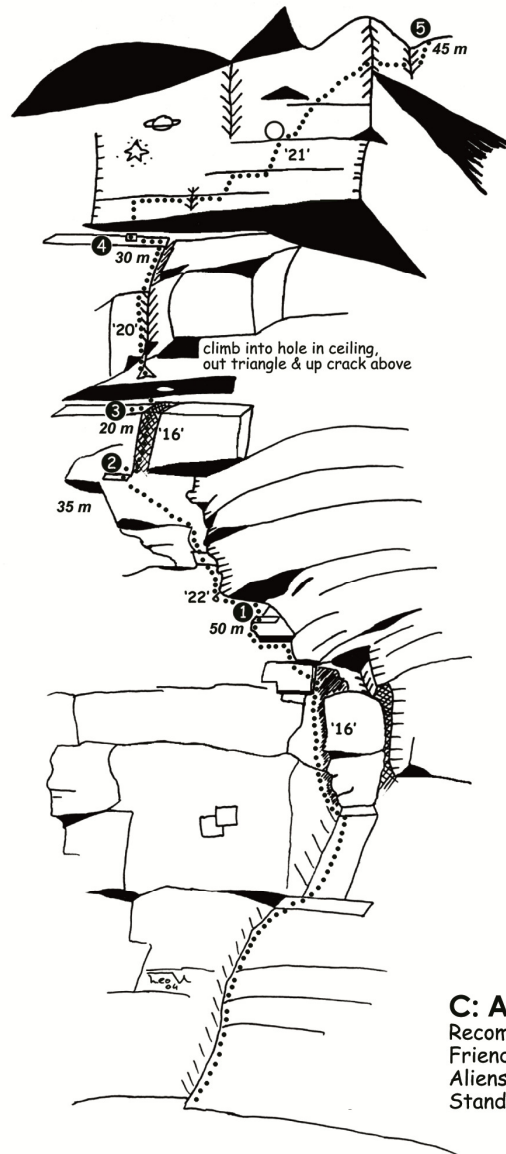
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Aliens 1 - 4

Standard selection of Wires

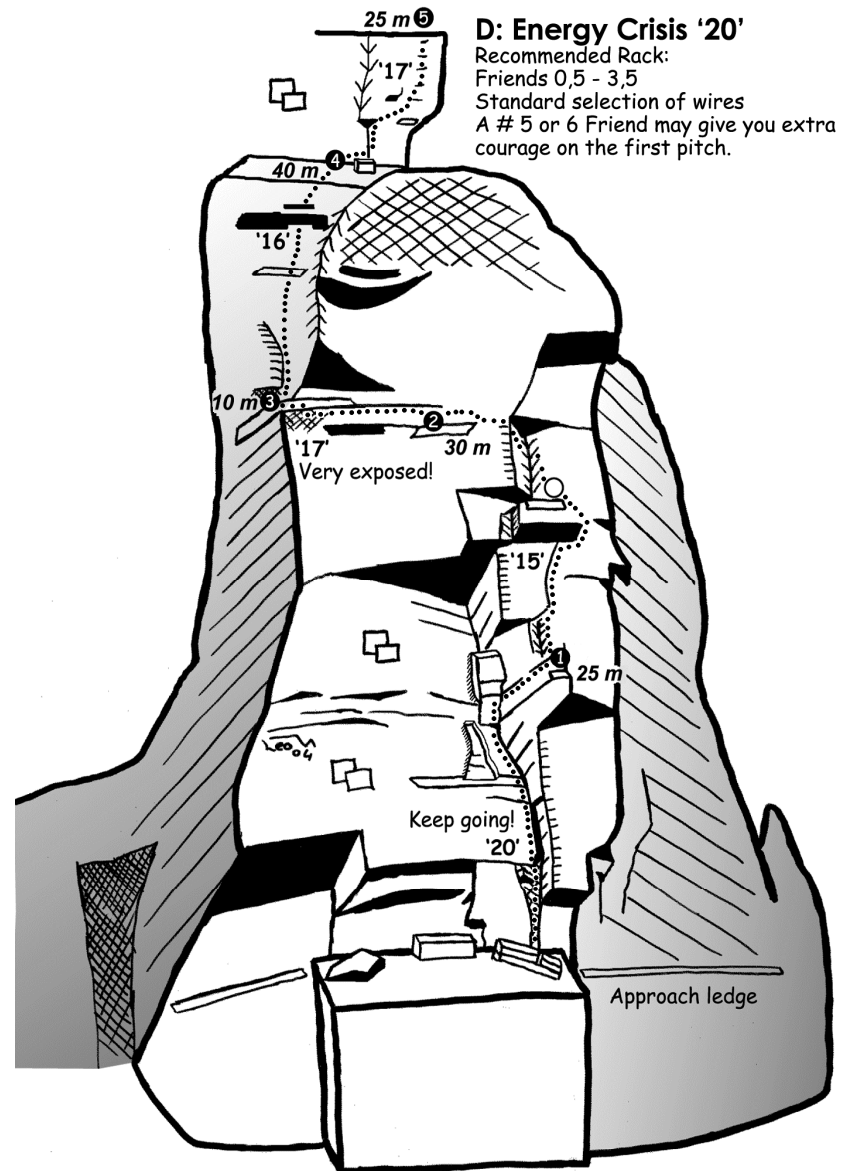
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### C: Alone in Space '22'

Recommended Rack:  
Friends 0,5 - 4  
Aliens 2 - 4  
Standard selection of wires



### D: Energy Crisis '20'

Recommended Rack:  
Friends 0,5 - 3,5  
Standard selection of wires  
A # 5 or 6 Friend may give you extra  
courage on the first pitch.